

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-01-21

Issued at Dillingham, Alaska  
**January 5, 2021**

**Effective Date:** 12:00 a.m.  
January 8, 2021

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2021  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the State of Alaska winter hunting season for moose in Game Management Unit 17A from **January 8, 2021, through February 7, 2021**. The bag limit for the winter hunts in Unit 17A is two moose. Hunters are allowed to harvest one antlered bull moose with a RM575 registration permit (antlered bull permit) and/or one antlerless moose with a RM576 registration permit (antlerless permit).

Hunters who have already harvested a moose during the current regulatory year are eligible to participate in this hunt, but can only take one additional moose.

This emergency order does not affect any other moose hunting regulations in Unit 17.

### REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.045(15), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 17(A)

Up to 2 moose per regulatory year, only as follows

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 moose by registration permit only; or Aug.25–Sept. 25 (Subsistence Hunt only)

1 antlered bull by registration permit; during the period Dec. 1–last day of Feb., a season of up to 31 days may be announced by emergency order; or Jan. 8–Feb. 7 (Subsistence Hunt only)

1 antlerless moose by registration permit; during the period Dec. 1–last day of Feb., a season of up to 31 days may be announced by emergency order; Jan. 8–Feb. 7 (Subsistence Hunt only)

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All other moose regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner



By delegation to:

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Bryan M. Reiley, PhD  
Dillingham Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 31 days in Unit 17A with a bag limit of up to two moose. A March 2017 aerial survey in Unit 17A resulted in an estimate corrected for sightability of 2,370 moose, ( $\pm 563$ ), well above our population objective of 800–1,200 moose in this unit. Composition surveys conducted in October 2017 revealed an estimated 77 bulls and 24.5 calves per 100 cows, which indicate surplus bulls available for harvest. Additional survey information from 2019 indicates the population continues to remain above objective. Allowing harvest for antlered and antlerless moose is important to lower moose density in this area, while providing additional harvest opportunity.

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